



FORUM ON LIVER ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION

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Overall Forum Goals:

- ❖ Start a new conversation with the community about possibilities for improving liver allocation and distribution.
- ❖ Share information and perspectives on current liver allocation and distribution policies, and potential opportunities for, and challenges associated with, improving patient outcomes (pre- and post-transplant).
- ❖ Get input from the community about possible directions for policy development and what evidence would be important to support any allocation and distribution improvements.
- ❖ Discuss and get input on several concepts for improving patient outcomes.
- ❖ Explore additional research and feedback that will help evaluate any future options.

Intended Outcomes:

- ❖ Greater understanding among all stakeholders about hopes and concerns associated with liver allocation and distribution policies.
- ❖ Greater understanding of allocation/distribution concepts that do and don't resonate with the community at the current time.
- ❖ Greater understanding of desired directions for further work.

Session #	Title	Speaker	Topic/Objective	Time
Intro	Introductions, Instructions, initial polling of audience	James Wynn, MD W. Kenneth Washburn, MD	Goals/Objectives of the day, process going forward	9:00
1	Historical perspectives of liver allocation/distribution (pre-MELD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPTN Contract obligations • History of DSAs • Final Rule • Previous liver allocation/distribution policies 	Russell Wiesner, MD	Provide a brief overview and background of how liver allocation and distribution policies have been developed and managed.	9:20
2	Current state of Allocation and Distribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MELD • Share 15 • Status 1 sharing • Current Situation 	John Lake, MD	Provide a brief overview recent policy changes up to the present. Describe the criteria used to make these decisions.	9:40
3	OPTN Policy Development and Feedback from RFI / Highlights of concepts being explored	John Roberts, MD	Discussion of how OPTN policies are made. Share feedback, questions, enthusiasm and concerns regarding potential modifications to liver allocation and distribution policies.	10:00
4	Perspectives from the Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liver Allocation: A Patient-Centric Approach in Regions 1 and 9 • Maximizing the Yield of the Donor Pool • Region 8 and “Share 29” • Liver discards and utilization, a national perspective Four 15-minute talks with Q&A at the end of the session.	Patricia Sheiner, MD A. Joseph Tector, MD Lawrence Hunsicker, MD Jean Emond, MD	Share some of the community experiences/results from a range of viewpoints. Identify, articulate, and discuss some of the opportunities and challenges associated with potential changes to liver allocation and distribution policies.	10:20

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	LUNCH	Table Discussions	Provide workshop participants an opportunity to discuss ideas for enhancing liver allocation and distribution policies and understand diverse perspectives	12:15
5	Enhancements to the MELD score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W. Ray Kim, MD 	Describe current research regarding enhancing the predictive power of the MELD score	1:00
6	Presentation of Transplant Survival Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Merion, MD 	To describe this concept, as it may be some concepts in Session 7 could utilize either a MELD/PELD- or benefit-based system	1:20
7	<p>Concept presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSA as a distribution unit Concentric Circles for distribution Tiered Sharing distribution <p>15 min each, 15 min Q&A following each, 5 minutes for transition time</p>	<p>Committee members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Eason, MD Julie Heimbach, MD Goran Klintmalm, MD 	Share and receive input about several allocation/distribution ideas under consideration for possible further study	2:05
	Short break			3:50
8	Informal participant feedback	James Wynn, MD	Obtain input from participants about which concepts discussed during the day may have potential value for further investigation.	4:00
9	Forum summation and wrap-up /Path forward	W. Kenneth Washburn, MD	Summarize highlights of the day and next steps toward identifying possible approaches to study.	4:45